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WHICH ALLOWS DEVICES  
WITH MULTIPLE PROTOCOL  
CAPABILITIES TO CONFIGURE  
TO A COMMON PROTOCOL  
CONFIGURATION**

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Solution II:

This is a second method to achieve the same results but the arbitration is not done until all the protocol capabilities and technology abilities are exchanged between the two link partners.

The bits A7-A0 in the link code word in Fig. 6 have different definitions for different PID's or selector values in the link code word (D4-D0). A bit definition for a new PID/selector value of 00000 is defined and is used to initiate negotiation across devices with multiple protocols. The bit definition in this case is defined in Fig. 24. The next page bit can be used to transfer vendor ID.